

Draft Responses to Comments

Comment Letter X

From: Frankie Thibodeau [mailto:dalabunny@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 2:41 PM
To: Schneider, Matthew
Subject: IBERDROLA (TULE WIND FARM)

Dear Sir: (Mr. Schneider)

My name is Frankie Thibodeau and I live across the valley from Rough Acres Ranch, in fact our lands abut in the McCain Valley. I watch everyday the helicopters come in and take off with products going to other outlays of their project. I have never found the noise to be a problem, nor do I find the work of building the towers a problem with noise. "as I have read in certain news papers that it is a problem for other people in Lakeside, etc".

X-1

The Tule wind project should be approved and I request that the County re-look and that they re-think how they word CEQA and the EIR's, Most often when I read these things they somehow do not match up. What is specific on one page will not be on another. Farming does not seem to be a problem with wind farms. I can only speak for myself and the Boulevard area, there is not much "farming" going on here. Some have small herds of cattle and such, but I do not believe that the windmills or towers will make a difference when it comes to this type of "farming".

X-2

I have seen to many times that an "Ordinance" from the county can and does exist in several other "Ordinances", the County should be clear about their ordinances as it is terribly confusing at times. I know when I was our local Planning chair, some years back, ordinances were found in a lot of other different ordinances. These types of confusions should be cleaned up. The Zoning ordinances, especially for our community of Boulevard is very convoluted and the gp2020 was not much help. Land owners should be the best stewards of their land, the DPLU is not very flexible when it comes to rezoning of projects and of acreage. Something needs to be done about the inflexibility of the powers that be.

X-3

I believe Iberdrola will at all costs strive to make sure that all the pieces of their project will meet and surpass County and State standards.

I reiterate again, the Tule Wind project needs to be approved and the language within the "Ordinance" needs to be changed to protect not only future energy sources but be defined whereas we as lay persons can understand and comprehend what it is that the County is saying. The flexibility from the County, for their rules and ordinances should be designed so as when a good project comes along or a new business comes along that makes sense for the community should be seriously looked at and the county should be somewhat flexible.

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Sincerely,

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Individual

December 23, 2011

- X-1** This comment is introductory in nature and does not raise a significant environmental issue for which a response is required.
- X-2** This comment takes issue with how the DEIR was prepared. It appears also that the commenter disagrees with the analysis prepared for potential impacts to agricultural resources. It should be noted that the proposed ordinance applies to the entire County jurisdiction, including areas with important farmland. Therefore, the County determined there was a potential for significant impacts to agriculture.
- X-3** This comment does not raise environmental issues for which a response is required. However, the County stresses that two of the project objectives are to: 1) Streamline and clarify the approval process for the development and operation of small wind turbines; and 2) Update regulations for large wind turbines to be consistent with current wind turbine technologies and designs.
- X-4** The County acknowledges the commenter's support for the Tule Project and for wind energy projects in the County. The County strives to find a balance between renewable energy proponents and opponents with this project.

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